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CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM ~~WEEKLY~~/PBSUCCESS MEETING WITH DD/P
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Present: Mr. Wisner, Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes, Col. King, []

1. Mr. Wisner, for [] special benefit, commented on statements made by the Secretary of State to the Director:

A. He sees no reason to change the tempo of the operation at the present time, but don't get caught.

B. He does want a high level review. There was some thought of waiting until the end of the Caracas Conference, at which time more information of importance to the project would be available, and also for a report from []

2. Col. King reviewed Headquarters Progress Report for the period 9-15 March. In addition Col. King stated (a) that material so far gathered on the [] indicates he is not in sympathy with his government, is anti-Communist and pro-American, and consequently should be a good target for defection. (b) Cable has been sent [] requesting an expression of views on date of his return. (c) No visa has been forthcoming from Mexico as yet for [] Not clear why Mexicans are delaying. This led to a discussion of Mexican-Guatemalan relations and Mexico's abstention from voting on anti-Communist Resolution at Caracas. (d) There was some discussion of the finance picture. Since total obligations to 10 March are [] all agreed that the total appropriation should be ample to meet requirements. (e) The need to retain at DTRORALO a number of people who were scheduled to leave on 1 April was discussed. Mr. Wisner and Mr. Helms approved retention of all those necessary for PBSUCCESS.

3. [] submitted his Second Interim Report on Phase II, and stated that an extension of D-Day beyond ninety days would cause serious problems because of adverse effect on morale and difficulties with the weather during the summer season. A long discussion followed without arriving at any decisions or conclusions except that a meeting with the Secretary of State for policy guidance should be arranged as early as possible. Mr. Wisner undertook to do this through Mr. Dulles, who would see both the Secretary and the Under Secretary at a dinner on 17 March.

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